# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

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ATTRITION OF PILOTS FROM PUBLIC SECTOR AIRLINES
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the trained Pilots of public sector airlines are taking voluntary retirement and joining private sector airlines;

(b)if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of Pilots who joined private sector airlines after leaving Indian Airlines and Air India during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c): No, Sir. No pilot took voluntary retirement from Indian Airlines during the last three years. In respect of Air India, in the last three years, only one pilot took voluntary retirement as he was permanently grounded pilot due to medical reasons.

(d): Steps taken on a continuing basis by the Public Sector Airlines to retain the pilots are:

(i) keeping the emoluments at comparable level vis-a-vis other established Indian carriers;

(ii) offering higher level of job security;

(iii) revision of loss-of-license Insurance and Insurance Coverage for pilots to provide them a high degree of security; and

(iv) retaining services of pilots beyond the age of superannuation subject to the validity of the license.